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1. MINISTRY FISHERIES REPORTS TOTAL CATCH FOR FISH MEAL
1974 AT 3,867,437 M.T., OF WHICH 3,582,046 WERE ANCHOVIES.

2. FISH MEAL PRODUCED 897,750 M.T. INCLUDING 835,290
ANCHOVY MEAL. MEAL CONVERSION ABOUT 23.3 PERCENT.

3. FISH OIL PRODUCTION TOTALLED 210,887 M.T.

4. SOME ANCHOVY FISHING CONTINUING EXTREME SOUTH AND
AROUND CHICAMA IN NORTH WHERE WHITE ANCHOVIES AND OTHER
SPECIES CONTRIBUTING TO CATCH. TOTAL DAILY CATCH PROBABLY
AROUND 4,000 M.T.

5. SEA INSITUTE SEES NO SIGN RECURRENCE NINO CURRENT THIS
TIME BUT CONTINUES ANALYZING DATA IN ORDER MAKE RECOMMENDA-
TIONS RE INITIATION NEW COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASON. EXPECT
RESUMPTION IN MARCH, ALTHOUGH OTHER SOURCES BELIEVE INSUFFI-
CIENT RECUPERATION COULD DELAY SEASON UNTIL APRIL.

6. FISH MEAL SHIPMENTS 1974 REPORTED BY TRADE
SOURCES AT 615,000 M.T. AND OIL EXPORTS 85,000-
90,000.

7. FYI AGATTACHE HAS REPORTS THAT ANCHOVY CATCH
IN CHILE DISSAPPOINTING WITH ONLY SOME 6,000 M.T.
WEEKLY CATCH. INDUSTRY EXPECTS SOME IMPROVEMENT
THERE AFTER MID-JANUARY.

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